



U.S. TO SOLVE CARTAGE PROBLEM; PREDICT OMAHA POLICE SHAKE UP

CLEAR DECKS FOR GENERAL POLICE PROBE

Commissioners Expected to Begin Department Investigation at Once; Maloney Trial to Come Later.

Change of venue, granted at Chadron in the conspiracy to blackmail case, and setting a date of trial October 15, clears the decks for a general police investigation and the completion of the Maloney hearing before the city council.

Because of illness of Mrs. Margaret Melson, a necessary witness in the Maloney hearing, it is probable the city commissioners will begin the general police investigation without delay and complete the Maloney trial as circumstances permit.

The city council committee of the whole Monday morning will discuss the situation and announce a date to begin investigation of the police department.

Take Up all Badges.

One action contemplated by the council is to order all police badges worn by persons not authorized, taken up. The charge has been made that during the last few years it has not been difficult to get an old star-shaped police badge and reports of abuse have been received at the city hall.

Sentiment among the city commissioners tends to favor Mayor Dahlman's plan that the seven city commissioners assume responsibility for the police department and appoint a chief of police who will be given complete authority, answerable to the entire city council. The present plan is to reappoint Henry Dunn, give him charge of the detective department and abolish the office of chief of detectives.

Suit Against Kugel.

There is substantial authority for the statement that suit will be brought against Superintendent Kugel of the police department to require him to return to the public treasury \$2,000 expended in three years for services and expenses of special investigators in which capacity Paul Sutton worked for eight months before he was appointed a regular member of the police department.

These investigators were given carte blanche as to expense money for "entertainment" while sitting in at places where they were obtaining evidence for the morals squad to work upon.

Parks Is Suggested.

Friends of City Commissioner Parks have been promoting the idea among the commissioners that he should be given the police department. Parks says he is not seeking the place, but if other commissioners insist, then he may think it over.

Somebody launched a rumor that Steve Maloney intended to resign, but Maloney denied he had such intentions.

"What's going to happen to Maloney and Sutton?" is a question frequently heard, and the echo answers: "And what is going to happen to Al Kugel?"

The council has some hard work ahead. Two charges are pending against Maloney, one charge against Paul Sutton and a general police investigation is scheduled.

And vacation time is coming on apace.

Lutherans to Raise Fund for Army and Navy

Chicago, June 24.—Plans to raise \$25,000 for work among men in the navy and army were made today by the general synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the United States in session here. Lutheran churches throughout the country will be asked to take contributions for the fund.

Lansing Is Host to Belgian War Mission

Washington, June 24.—The Belgian war mission was entertained by Secretary Lansing at a lawn fete yesterday at the Pan-American grounds. The guests included the president and Mrs. Wilson.

The Weather

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.	
8 a. m.	64
9 a. m.	65
10 a. m.	66
11 a. m.	67
12 m.	68
1 p. m.	69
2 p. m.	70
3 p. m.	71
4 p. m.	72
5 p. m.	73
6 p. m.	74
7 p. m.	75
8 p. m.	76
9 p. m.	77
10 p. m.	78
11 p. m.	79
12 m.	80

Comparative Local Record.	
1917, 1916, 1915, 1914.	
Total rainfall since March 1, 1917.	2.21
Normal precipitation.	34.14
Deficiency for the year.	31.93
Total rainfall since March 1, 1916.	11.41
Normal precipitation.	34.14
Deficiency for the year.	22.73
Total rainfall since March 1, 1915.	4.84
Normal precipitation.	34.14
Deficiency for the year.	29.30
Total rainfall since March 1, 1914.	2.12
Normal precipitation.	34.14
Deficiency for the year.	32.02

Omaha Oversubscribes Money for Red Cross

RED CROSS TOTALS.

Saturday collections.....\$34,517.78

Boy Scouts.....8,734.27

Previously reported.....200,689.05

Collections, all sources \$243,938.10

Omaha oversubscribed the Red Cross campaign fund by \$33,938.10. Although \$210,000 was apportioned as its share of the nation's contributions, the goal was reached early Saturday, twelve hours before the whirlwind campaign closed at the noonday luncheon of team captains at the Fontenelle.

DEFENSE BOARD OF NATION TELLS OF AID IN CRISIS

One Hundred Highly Trained Men on National Council Line Up Country's Resources for Work During War.

Washington, June 24.—Accomplishments of the Council of National Defense, its advisory commission and its committee since the council was finally organized last March, are set forth in a comprehensive report made public tonight by Director Gifford.

Only eighty persons, according to Director Gifford's report, are drawing salaries and most of these are clerks and stenographers.

More than 100 highly trained men, says the report, are giving their entire time to the council without remuneration. Several hundred more, it says, are giving free a large part of their time.

The chief accomplishments of the council are summed up by Mr. Gifford as follows:

"Mobilization of the 262,000 miles of railroads of the country for the government's defense.

"Close-knit organization of the telephone and telegraph companies of America to insure to the government the most rapid and efficient wire communications.

"Settlement of the recent threatened railroad strikes.

"General acceptance by labor and capital of the suggestion of the council that existing labor standards should not be changed until the need for such action has been determined by the council with the steady influence on industry growing out of such action.

Get Copper For Army.

"Procurement of 45,000,000 pounds of copper for the uses of the army and navy at less than one-half of the then current market price—a saving to the government of approximately \$10,000,000.

Similar accomplishments as to steel, zinc and aluminum.

"Completion of an inventory for military purposes of 27,000 American manufacturing plants.

"Money saving to the government, through appointment over the country of committees of business men to assist the quartermaster's department of the army in the economical and efficient purchase of supplies.

"Saving to the government of millions of dollars by the co-ordination of purchases through the agency of the General Munitions board.

To Rule the Air.

"Creation under the medical section of the council of a general medical board of many of the most highly qualified surgeons and physicians of the country.

"Selection by the same section of thousands of doctors specifically qualified for membership in the medical corps.

Numerous Disasters

In German War Plants

Paris, June 24.—Several disasters have recently occurred in munition plants in Germany, according to the Zurich Correspondent of the Matin.

The correspondent telegraphs that he has learned from private German sources that the hand grenade arsenal at Spandau exploded June 16 and that seven ammunition shops at Marienhall were destroyed by fire on the 18. Some ammunition factories at Nuremberg also have been burned down, according to this authority.

Spandau is nine miles west of Berlin. Large government munition works are there. Nuremberg, rich in historic traditions, is more noted for its varied industrial plants than as a munition making center. By Marienhall in Saxony may be meant.

Company G of Fourth

Leaves for Fort Crook

Alliance, Neb., June 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Company G of the Fourth Nebraska, recruited by J. B. Miller at Alliance, left here tonight in charge of Captain Miller for Fort Crook, where they have been ordered. Alliance and Scottsbluff citizens have donated a substantial purse for the company fund and will give the members a farewell reception at Alliance tonight.

H. M. Hundley, Jr., Assigned

To Field Artillery Service

Mrs. H. M. Hundley has just received word that her son, H. M. Hundley, Jr., has been assigned to the field artillery at Fort Snelling.

KING OF SPAIN REPORTED WON TO REPUBLIC—King Alfonso has yielded to the forces of discontent at work in his kingdom, according to reports from Madrid, and has agreed to abdication and the establishment of a Spanish republic. It is said that Alfonso has even offered to serve as the first president, which would not be impossible in view of the monarch's democratic character and his popularity among the people.



ITALIANS HOLD BAZAR; PARADE FOR RED CROSS

Raise Considerable Sum for Relief Work Among the Italian Soldiers at the Front.

Headed by "Uncle Sam," "Italia" "Columbia" and "Liberty," who rode majestically in a large automobile, 700 Italians of Omaha marched through the streets of Omaha Sunday afternoon in a magnificent Red Cross demonstration.

They formed at Washington hall, marched through the principal streets, entered the Auditorium, and there shortly after 3 o'clock opened the big bazaar, which before midnight had netted them nearly \$3,000 for the Italian Red Cross relief work.

The parade and bazaar were the outcome of hard work by a committee of some 150 Italians who have worked on the Red Cross work and in preparation for this day's demonstration and bazaar for some two months. Louis Piatto was chairman of the committee.

Julius Cantoni was secretary, and Sebastian Salino, treasurer. Prior to yesterday's activities, the committee had already raised some \$2,000 for the Red Cross work in the Italian army during the present war. This money will go directly to the Red Cross of the Italians, but will not pass through the hands of the Red Cross campaigns now general throughout the country and the world, as it will mean that much less to be allotted to the Italians out of the general subscriptions of America and the allies.

Represents Uncle Sam.

Vincent Saitta, in striped trousers, white whiskers, and star-spangled hat, represented Uncle Sam. Esther Lauranzana and Gisella Lauranzana, respectively, represented "Italia" and "Liberty." Marie Gillette represented "Columbia."

Following this group in the automobile came the Italian band, often known as the Christopher Columbus band, of some twenty pieces.

American soldiers from the various regiments stationed about Omaha, marched in the parade carrying (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

Russ Scouts Renew Work Along the Austrian Front

Petrograd, June 24.—Lively scouting operations between the Russian and Austrian lines in Galicia is reported in today's war statement.

Special Buttons for Omaha Men Who Enlist in the Sixth Nebraska

Every man who enlists in the Omaha battalion of the Sixth Nebraska Volunteer regiment next week will be given an honor button—a little blue button containing a red 6. The button was designed by one of Omaha's popular young society girls whose brother is in the service of the United States.

"The blue stands for loyalty to the government," she explained to Lieutenant Kenworthy, in charge of Sixth Nebraska headquarters. "The red in the figure six represents unflinching courage. When the people of Omaha see one of their young men wearing this button they will know that he has voluntarily offered his services to the state and government and that he possesses the courage of a true blue, red-blooded American."

Several hundred of these buttons have been obtained and will be given out next week when the big drive for recruits for the Sixth starts. Omaha is expected to furnish 600 men for the new regiment. More than a third of this number is already in sight.

The War department at Washington has authorized the formation of this new regiment. It will be strictly a volunteer organization. The men who enlist the coming week will continue their regular work until the federal government calls them into service. The men enlisting in the Sixth regiment will serve only during the war emergency.

The Sixth regiment will be mustered into federal service along with the Fifth regiment.

Twenty-five towns out in the state have made application for companies in the new Sixth regiment. During the past week, recruiting stations have been opened in most of these towns.

Omaha headquarters for the Sixth regiment are at 1612 Farnam street. Lieutenant Keating has opened headquarters in South Omaha in the old Gas building.

Debtor Pays When Finds Debt to Be Paid Red Cross

Chicago, June 24.—Ignatz Ebner and Frank Bodach argued before the Legal Aid society over a disputed bill.

"I will not pay you \$12," declared Bodach with finality. "I paid you \$6. Two more dollars will I add, not another cent."

"Well," sighed Ebner, "if that's all you'll pay, I'll take it to the Red Cross."

"Red Cross?" queried Bodach with new interest. "If it's the Red Cross, I'll pay the \$12."

They each purchased three \$2 memberships in the war relief organization and shook hands over the bargain.

HOUSE ACCEPTS FOOD MEASURE BY BIG MAJORITY

Strong Prohibition Amendment Written Into Administration Measure Passed by Vote of 365 to 5.

Washington, June 24.—The administration food control bill, giving the president broad authority to control the distribution of food, feed and fuel for war purposes and appropriating \$152,500,000 for its enforcement and administration, was passed by the house last night after far reaching prohibition provisions had been written into it.

The vote was 365 to 5. Representatives McEnroe, Slayden and Young of Texas, democrats, and Meeker, Missouri, and Ward, New York, republicans, voting in the negative.

The prohibition provisions adopted would prohibit the use of foodstuffs for the manufacture of alcoholic beverages and would give the president authority to take over for war purposes all liquor now on hand.

They were put into the measure during the evening in committee of the whole and when the bill came up in the house proper, the anti-prohibition faction did not demand that they be voted on again.

Bill Goes to Senate.

The bill now goes to the senate where it probably will be substituted early next week for a similar measure already under consideration. Leaders hope to get the measure to conference by July 1.

Few important changes were made by the house outside the prohibition section. The control powers of the president were limited to articles specifically mentioned in the bill instead of giving him blanket authority; voluntary aids in control work were made subject to the penal provision; all persons in the food administration except those serving without compensation were placed under civil service; and the president was required to make an annual report on the operation of the bill.

There was a hot debate over the prohibition features. Wets and drys accused each other of unfairness and Representative Meeker of Missouri, a republican, and Representative Kelly of Pennsylvania, democrat, got into such a row that their friends surrounded them to prevent a physical encounter and then had the words they exchanged stricken from the record.

Reject Keating Change.

When the house returned to consideration of other sections of the bill, an amendment by Representative Keating of Colorado, providing that nothing in the bill shall be construed as repealing or affecting the labor exemption provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law, quickly was rejected, 45 to 162. Mr. Keating read a letter by Herbert C. Hoover to Chairman Lever, endorsing the amendment, but Mr. Lever insisted that a combination of men in time of national distress might attempt to limit the manufacture of food necessities if such an exemption were made.

An amendment was adopted providing that all persons employed in the administration of the food law except those serving without compensation, shall be appointed under the civil service law.

In the senate virtually no progress was made on the bill during the day. The leaders were unable to hold a quorum and consented to an adjournment after a short session devoted mostly to routine. Conferences continued looking to a compromise on most of the contested issues, but it is unlikely that final vote can be reached before late next week.

Box Butte County Gives

More Than Share to Red Cross

Alliance, Neb., June 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Reports received today from the five teams appointed to solicit Red Cross war funds in Box Butte county show that the county's proportion is nearly \$1,000 oversubscribed. Work by the teams will continue up until the last minute tomorrow, when it is believed the fund will reach \$10,000.

German Government

Takes Over Field Crops

Amsterdam, June 24.—The German Federal council, according to a Berlin dispatch today, has decided that during the coming harvest year not only bread grains, but barley, oats, peas, beans, buckwheat and millet will be requisitioned in their entirety for control and distribution by the Imperial Grain Bureau.

OMAHA STORES MAY DELIVER ALL PACKAGES BY PARCELS POST; BURLESON'S NEW PLAN

Associated Retailers to Consider Proposal of Postoffice Department; Will Cut Cost of Service.

U. S. Postmaster General Says Use of Federal System Would Affect Enormous Saving to Retail Merchants

Extension of United States parcels post facilities to local deliveries of merchandise from retail stores to purchasers is among the possibilities for Omaha in the near future. The plan has the indorsement of Postmaster General Burleson as a conservation measure.

The Department of Labor will make a survey of every large American city that adopts the plan and each city will be given the benefit of the experience of other cities.

A cursory observation by the postmaster general has convinced him that there is a vast waste of money, effort and material in the delivery systems of American cities. This waste is due to duplication of labor on account of many firms making scattering deliveries with equipment which is not worked to the "saturation point."

It has been noted that in an Omaha neighborhood one day last week eight delivery trucks from as many business houses made deliveries which easily could have been made with one vehicle.

Fanning Will Co-operate.

The new plan is to use the machinery of the parcels post system and to district the city into zones, with deliveries made to zones by the parcels post organization, rather than by scores of business trucks scurrying over the city and crossing each other's paths many times a day.

The force of this was strikingly illustrated in Omaha here within the month. Drivers of delivery wagons of two business houses covered the same area. They tried the experiment of splitting up, one taking part of the other's goods along one route and the other doing likewise. They discovered they could save from half an hour to an hour by the interchange.

The drivers were "found out" by a woman telephoned to a store where she had made a purchase to inquire why the delivery truck of another concern brought her goods.

"I am ready to co-operate with our retailers on this proposition," said Postmaster Fanning. "We have the parcels post system here working on the zone basis and it could be enlarged without much trouble. I can see the logic of the postmaster general's arguments and it appeals to every thinking person in these days of conservation of our resources and our energy."

The details of a city-wide parcels post delivery system could be worked out and I am willing to do what I can to assist our merchants and consumers to take advantage of this opportunity."

Hayden Says Plan Feasible.

Joseph Hayden, head of the institution bearing his name, was enthusiastic over the plan. He appreciates that the retail distribution system of the average city is a big factor in the cost of living and he agrees that the duplication of effort is enormous.

"The plan is feasible and there would be no more earnest supporter than myself toward any movement to carry into effect the postmaster general's plan. I have thought more than once of the wasted effort in delivering packages within our city. I do not maintain that it is all waste, but there is much duplication of effort, and the same results might be obtained by some such plan as the parcels post system applied to city deliveries," were remarks by Mr. Hayden.

Thomas F. Quinlan, general manager of the Brandeis stores, was equally impressed with the plan.

Quinlan Favors Change.

He said: "You would hardly believe how much consumers of Omaha pay for the delivery of their retail merchandise. Each store takes pride in its own delivery system. We have a system which is more or less elaborate and despite our best efforts mistakes in addresses will occur. But necessarily the consumer pays for the delivery in the end. That is obvious. I would be pleased to enter into the consideration of a parcels post delivery system here."

In the absence from the city of Louis Nash and Thomas Redmond of Burgess-Nash stores, Treasurer Taylor in substance voiced the sentiments of others who were asked for opinions.

"As a matter of practical economy it is evident that the parcels post city delivery plan would be feasible," said Mr. Taylor. "In Los Angeles I have in mind a private concern which collects all packages from a group of large retail stores and makes two deliveries every day. This central delivering firm does the work at a cost considerably less than the group of firms could do it, and there is a profit left for the delivering firm."

The plan will be considered by the Associated Retailers at an early date.

Washington, June 24.—Retail and department store merchants in the large cities throughout the country have only to formulate their proposals for local deliveries of merchandise by United States parcels post to start the reform in city cartage.

Postmaster General Burleson said today, discussing the matter, that if the merchants' organizations would submit their requests they would receive serious consideration at once. There is no doubt that the result would be affirmative.

"The whole matter," continued Mr. Burleson, "is illustrated by what may be seen any morning from the windows of my home. I counted this morning for instance, seven mill wagons delivering along our block. Why seven? Why not one?"

"The cartage bill of Washington alone is \$8,000,000 a year and it is conducted very much like the delivery of milk. There is no doubt whatever of the feasibility of the plan to deliver merchandise by parcels post. The Postoffice department could save not only merely thousands, but many hundreds of thousands of dollars to merchants in every city in the country by taking over retail delivery."

First in Washington.

The trial of the proposed delivery by parcels post will be made first in Washington, where it will have the advantage of a local survey of the delivery problem by the Department of Labor. It was shown by a study of the methods, means, and costs of merchandise delivery here that, notwithstanding the excellent pavements and the general use of automobiles, the percentage of cost of delivery was higher than anywhere in the United States. The general average was found to be 8 per cent on the value of goods sold and delivered.

The general plan for government delivery for city stores has not been worked out in detail, but the idea is to place competent postal officials in the stores to systematize the methods of sorting packages with reference to routes of delivery and then co-ordinate the delivery of any number of stores, making one single run of an automobile sufficient over any one route to deliver the goods sold by all the stores.

Under New Plan.

Weighing in will be in the bulk and the rate a flat one-zone rate, which will simplify matters greatly. It is believed that present methods and standards of secure wrapping will prove sufficient for the proposed postal delivery, although there will need to be certain safeguards as to breakage and loss which under present practices are not maintained.

The Postoffice department will take over a part, at least, of private equipment for parcel delivery, but much of that now in use will not be available or needed in the better co-ordination of the service. The aim will be to combine with the delivery of store merchandise all the parcels post matter carried by the postal service.

The stores will therefore have the benefit of more frequent deliveries during the day than they now can afford to maintain. The obvious necessity of the late evening deliveries will bring to the Postoffice department the opportunity to deliver general parcels post matter for the public at a later hour than it now undertakes to do.

In the Larger Cities.

The new system will be gradually introduced in a few cities under expert parcels post officials, in order that a demonstration may be made of what the department can do. When losses in management and operation have been gradually eliminated and local peculiarities and difficulties have been studied and overcome, a force can be developed to extend the system to other cities.

No estimate has been made of the cost of the new system, but it is asserted by expert postal officials that there can be no doubt as to the economy of the plan. At the present regular parcels post rates, the stores would save a very large proportion of the cost of delivery under the present methods, and the Postoffice department procure a large amount of business as profitable as any now handled by the parcels post service.

California Students

Willing to Do Farm Work

Berkeley, Cal., June 24.—More than 18,000 high school students of California are willing or already have arranged to engage in farm work this summer. This announcement was made yesterday at a meeting of representatives of the State Board of Education and of the Council for Defense. A survey of 142 high schools, it was stated, showed that 11,947 boys and 6,694 girls were prepared to undertake the work, much of which will be supervised by 400 men and women school teachers, who have offered their services.